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SUBJECT: BALUCHISTAN GOVERNOR EXPECTS P.M.'S STATEMENT ON  
BALUCHISTAN END OF MARCH

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SUMMARY: BALUCHISTAN GOVERNOR NOW EXPECTS P.M. BHUTTO'S THRICE  
POSTPONED PUBLIC STATEMENT ON SITUATION IN BALUCHISTAN WILL BE  
MADE LAST WEEK OF MARCH. PROVINCE'S CHIEF MINISTER SUBSEQUENTLY  
DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM THIS EXPECTATION AND INFERRED HE WILL  
HAVE NEWS OF HIS OWN. CONTINUING SLIPPAGE OF DATE OF P.M.'S PUBLIC  
STATEMENT ON BALUCHISTAN'S POLITICAL SITUATION INDICATES THAT LONG-  
SOUGHT FOR RESOLUTION OF PROVINCE'S UNTIDY POLITICAL  
SITUATION CONTINUES ELUSIVE. IF BHUTTO STATEMENT IF FOLLOW-  
ED BY ASSEMBLY SESSION IN WHICH NAP SUPPORTERS NOT RPT NOT  
IN MAJORITY, THIS COULD BE BILLED AS A "SOLUTION". HOWEVER,  
SOLUTION BASED ON OBVIOUSLY MANIPULATED ERASURE OF NAP-ORIENTED  
MAJORITY IN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY UNLIKELY TO PROVE IMMEDIATELY  
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SIGNIFICANT OTHER THAN IN COSMETIC SENSE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN REPLAY OF HIS FEBRUARY 12 QUETTA ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRIME MINISTER WOULD MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT ON BALUCHISTAN FEBRUARY 25 (REFTEL A), BALUCHISTAN GOVERNOR AHMAD YAR KHAN TOLD PRESS IN QUETTA MARCH 6 ON HIS RETURN FROM HIS LATEST TRIP TO ISLAMABAD THAT PRIME MINISTER WILL PUBLICLY ADDRESS BALUCHISTAN SITUATION BETWEEN MARCH 25 AND APRIL 1. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT HOPEFULLY WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A "SOLUTION SATISFACTORY TO ALL" FIRST WEEK IN APRIL. THE FOLLOWING DAY BALUCHISTAN CHIEF MINISTER GHULAM QADIR ON ARRIVAL IN QUETTA TOLD PRESS HE UNAWARE PRIME MINISTER'S LIKELY TO ISSUE STATEMENT AS FORECAST BY GOVERNOR PREVIOUS DAY. THIS "SOTTO VOCE" CONTRADICTION OF GOVERNOR'S PREDICTION SUGGESTS THAT PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION, IF NOT ONE OF POLITICAL AGREEMENT, EXISTS BETWEEN GOVERNOR AND CHIEF MINISTER. CHIEF MINISTER WENT ON TO HINT HE HIMSELF MAY HAVE SOME NEWS REGARDING PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENTS TO DIVULGE PRIOR TO END OF MONTH. CHIEF MINISTER CONFIRMED MARCH 6 STATEMENT OF PROVINCIAL MINISTER PARACHA THAT PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY EXPECTED TO CONVENE IN APRIL.

2. IT WAS ANNOUNCED MARCH 8 THAT FIRST OF THREE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY BY-ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH (KARACHI A-23 MARCH 6) WAS WON BY PPP WHEN ITS NOMINEE FOR GUL KHAN NASIR'S SEAT WAS UNOPPOSED AND DECLARED ELECTED. WITH PROVINCIAL NAP HAVING DECIDED NOT TO CONTEST ASSEMBLY BY-ELECTIONS, IT ALMOST SURE THING REMAINING TWO SEATS WILL GO TO PPP CANDIDATES, THEREBY WIPING OUT PREVIOUSLY NARROWLY SUSTAINED NAP-ORIENTED MAJORITY.

3. IN HIS MARCH 6 MEETING WITH PRESS GOVERNOR DENIED RUMORS THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION TO BHUTTO, NOTING THAT SUCH RUMORS BEING SPREAD BY THOSE WHO "DO NOT WISH PAKISTAN AND BALUCHISTAN TO STAY TOGETHER" AND OPPOSE HIS SERVING PAKISTAN.

4. COMMENT: EARLY IN JANUARY GOVERNOR AHMAD YAR KHAN SPOKE IN TERMS OF SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN PRO-PROVINCE BY THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY; APPARENT FRUSTRATION OF THESE EXPECTATIONS MIGHT HAVE MOVED HIM TO THREATEN RESIGNATION IN ORDER TO STIMULATE PROGRESS ON DRAFTING AND IMPLEMENTING A SCENARIO PRESERVING HIS LEADERSHIP IMAGE. EXPECTED TIMING OF BHUTTO ANNOUNCEMENT AND GOVERNOR'S UNDERTAKING THAT OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL FOLLOW POINTS TOWARD POSSIBLE SCENARIO IN WHICH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOLLOWING PPP VICTORIES IN LATE MARCH PROVINCIAL BY-ELECTIONS, PRO-NAP BLOC IN ASSEMBLY WOULD CEASE TO BE IN MAJORITY POSITION. THEN A TRACTABLE ASSEMBLY SESSION COULD BE CONVENED TO ENDORSE A NON-NAP PROVINCIAL MINISTRY. SUCH A SCENARIO APPEARS FEASIBLE, BUT WITHOUT SOME INVOLVEMENT OF PROVINCIAL NAP IN NEW ARRANGEMENT IT WOULD HAVE LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE APART FROM ITS COSMETIC VALUE. PARLIAMENTARY ANOMALY OF PROVINCIAL CABINET WITHOUT MAJORITY SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY WOULD BE CORRECTED, BUT IT UNLIKELY THAT THIS

KIND OF CONTRIVED PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ANYMORE  
EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATIVELY OR ANYMORE SUCCESSFUL IN RESTORING  
TRANQUILITY IN PROVINCE THAN GOVERNMENTS DURING PAST YEAR. ON  
OTHER HAND SUCH A "SOLUTION" IN AND OF ITSELF WOULD NOT  
NECESSARILY LEAD TO ANY SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION IN  
PROVINCIAL LAW AND ORDER SITUATION, WHICH HAS THUS FAR PROVED  
MANAGEABLE FOR BHUTTO REGIME.  
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